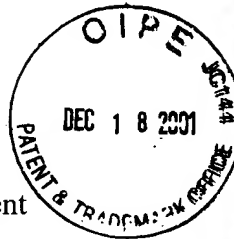


IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application No.: 09/485,640
Filed: February 11, 2000
1st Inventor: H. ODAKA
For: Anti-Inflammatory Agent
Atty. Dkt. No. 2477 USOP



Art Unit: 1617
Examiner: S. Jiang
Allowed:
Batch:
Paper No.: 6

TECH CENTER 1600/2900

DEC 27 2001

RECEIVED

7/B
AW
1-18-02

AMENDMENT "A" and RESPONSE under 37 CFR 1.111

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed June 19, 2001 (Paper No. 5), Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the claims in view of the amendment and traverse set forth below. A Petition for a Three-Month Extension of Time and authorization to pay the fee for the Three-Month Extension of Time accompany this amendment.

AMENDMENT

In the Specification

Please insert as the first paragraph after the title of invention on page 1 of the specification, the following reference to related patent applications.

B) -- This application is the national phase of international application for patent serial number PCT/JP98/03692 filed 20 August 1998.--

In the Claims

Please cancel claims 11 and 12 without prejudice to the filing of future continuing applications.

Please substitute the following claims 2-10, for the claims 2-10 now pending in the above-identified application.

Please add new claims 13-27.